

"Pittsburgh Perfect" Fence

Why the Electric Weld is the
Most Effective Fence-Joint made

Electrically welding joints eliminates
innumerable exposed wire ends, and
does away with sharply and tightly
bending one wire against another, which
cracks the galvanizing. The Electric
Weld makes every ounce of wire count
for strength and durability—no wasted
wire, no useless weight dragging down

the fence. Electricity is the only medium
which truly amalgamates metals—makes
two wires one. As we use it, the gal-
vanizing is piled around the joints, pro-
ducing a one-piece fabric with absolutely
dependable joints. Electrically Welded
fence-joints (patented) are used only in
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you that some other fence is just as good. If he doesn't sell it, write us direct.

"Pittsburgh Perfect" Brands of Barbed Wire;
Bright, Annealed and Galvanized Wire; Twisted
Cable Wire; Hard Spring Coil Wire; Fence
Staples; Poultry Netting Staples; Regular Wire
Nails; Galvanized Wire Nails; Large Head
Roofing Nails; Single Loop Bala Ties; "Pit-
sburgh Perfect" Fencing. All made of Open
Heath material.



If you are interested in Wire Fencing, write
for FREE copy of our ALMANAC, 1913—

Pittsburgh Steel Co.
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

those appropriation bills with an eagle
eye, to the end that nobody gets a job
or a dollar that would necessitate an
explanation or an apology.

The latest legislative proposition is
for a commission to examine the
statutes and clarify their meaning.
We are for it on condition it is made
up of editors or farmers. The fact
that no two lawyers ever have agreed
on the meaning of a law would dis-
qualify them right on the start as
clarifiers.

This effort to prejudice the public
against the state administration and
Missouri legislature by misleading
statements about the utilities commis-
sion measures will react upon those
who inspire them as well as upon
those who make them. These gentle-
men know there will be no increase
in taxation because of this matter.
They know taxation can be increased
only by a majority vote of the people.
They know there is going to be no
proposition of that sort submitted.
They know it will take no money from
the school fund or from any other
fund already legally established. They
know the Democratic party, the Pro-
gressive party and the Republican
party were pledged to this reform by
their last platforms, and that the
creation of this commission is only
one of the many evidences that the
big Democratic majority in the Mis-
souri legislature regards a platform
promise as an obligation to the people.
They know the utilities commissions
in other states have saved millions of
dollars to the tax-payers and that the
one Missouri is about to create will be
a body to which the tax-payers may
appeal with full assurance of prompt
attention when they consider the
charges of any public service corpora-
tion excessive. It is in line with the
progressive spirit of the day and has
everywhere vindicated the claim of
its friends. The very fact that those
who are assailing such an innovation
in Missouri on the ground of cost had
nothing to say when the law commis-
sion, the osteopath, dental and doctor
commissions, the bee and watermelon
inspectors, hotel examiners, or any
other commissions in which the aver-
age man was not interested, were be-
ing created, should be pretty fair evi-
dence that an ulterior motive of some
sort is behind their outcry against the
only commission yet proposed for the
protection of the best place of legisla-
tion a Missouri legislature has enact-
ed in twenty years.

Jefferson City Letter.

Edward P. Deal, the new state
treasurer, has inaugurated a new busi-
ness policy, which will contribute
greatly to the security and stability of
the state finances. Under Mr. Deal's
administration all corporation fees
and other monies due the state must
be paid in money orders, bank drafts,
or cash, and personal checks will no
longer be accepted at the state treas-
ury.

It is estimated that the new public
utility commission will save fully two
million dollars a year to the people of
Missouri in reduced rates on railroads
and for the services of gas, electric
light, telephone and water works com-
panies.

A noticeable subsidence of the dis-
cordant Republican howl about the
legislative clerks has been observed
since the true facts were published in
this correspondence. When the Re-
publicans had charge of the house,
during the Forty-fifth General As-
sembly, they actually employed one
hundred and eleven more clerks than
the Democrats are employing this
year. The Republicans, of course,
did not mean to invite this compari-
son, but they provoked it, and now
they will have to take their medicine.

The Missouri Press Association is
not maintaining a hired lobby at the
state capital. The Association, how-
ever, is looking after the fraternity's
interests through a legislative com-
mittee whose appointment was author-
ized at the Hannibal meeting last
August. The work of this committee
was blocked out at a conference in
which seventeen of the most reput-
able and representative country pub-
lishers in Missouri, including two state
officers, participated the last week in
January. It is asking for no offices.
It seeks no grants, no unfair advan-
tages, no commissions to restrict or
hamper competition, no additional
fees, nor any other thing of a material
nature. It is simply asking the legis-
lature to put the honest publisher
who occasionally makes an honest
mistake on a little higher plane than
the malicious and dishonest publisher
who blackmails public men or assas-
sinates character with malicious in-
tent, for as matters now stand they
are all on the same footing and liable
to the same penalties in the eyes of
the law. Except for undue alarm of
the legal lights who dominate legisla-
tive activities at anything which tends
in even the most remote manner to
discourage litigation, this modest re-
quest of Missouri newspaper men
would be granted.

Missouri's Democratic governor, ac-
companied by Missouri Democratic
colonels, made a great hit in Wash-
ington Tuesday at the inaugural of
President Wilson.

When a Democratic governor of
Missouri salutes a Democratic presi-
dent of the United States the eternal
fitness of things is aptly illustrated.
May it happen that way every four
years.

The Democratic house is paying
\$403 per day less for clerk hire than
the Republican house of 1909 paid. It
is also saving the \$302.95 the Republi-
can house of 1909 paid to an elderly
gentleman for "firing salutes" to
Governor Hadley.

A hint to the legislature. Scan

The Last Call!

For the Next Two Weeks We
Are Going to Make Some

TREMENDOUS REDUCTIONS!!

Overcoats,

LADIES', MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S

Cloaks and Long Coats,

Men's Pants, Boys' Pants,
Men's and Boys' Hats and Caps,
Underwear for Everybody,
Sweaters for Everybody,
Leggings for Everybody,
AND MANY OTHER ARTICLES.

We are getting ready for our Spring
Merchandise. Do not let These BAR-
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"We Can Save You Money."

"It Pays to Buy at Brown's."

B. N. BROWN.

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Between Now and Then, are
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NO REASONABLE OFFER Will Be Refused.

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Wanted—Hens and ducks; 11 cents
a pound paid for hens and 12 cents a
pound for ducks. C. D. Alexander,
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For Sale or Lease

The Baird homestead, newly re-
paired, on College street, Arcadia.
Ten room dwelling, three room cot-
tage, barn, carriage and chicken house,
shade and fruit trees with three acres
productive land. A. W. POWELL,
Chemical Building, St. Louis, Mo.



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FARMINGTON MARBLE WORKS.

The Vaunt of Old Winter.

J. WILL JACKSON.

Old Winter, 'tis said—no the fairies do
tell—
Once went out on a blow, and was
feeling quite swell.
But—such is the doom of all braggarts,
you know—
Old Winter got humbled! The fairies
tell how.
One thing, do remember, this story
shows well,
That bold and loud boasters the truth
seldom tell.
Now, in his vain boast—it all ends like
a joke—
Old winter just raved, as he thus
proudly spoke:—
"I am prince of the Seasons! My
home's far away
In the north, where, unrivaled, my
scepter I sway!
The cold blast, whose touch can but
wither and blight,
The blizzard, that howls like a ghost
in the night—
The ice and the snow and the frost,
Are the breath of my mouth, while I
vigilance keep."
"I am lord of the Seasons! My equal
there's none!
Like the sun, in his splendor, my
glory is one!
I reign o'er the east, on whose moun-
tains I rest,
And homage I'm paid by the snow-
covered west!
My scepter I wield o'er far Antarctic
ground—

Where, in infinite space, can my equal
be found?"

"I am king of the Seasons! No title's
like mine!
There is none in creation my throne
to outshine!
My castles are firm as the ages can
be!
Their towers of ice were all bulwired
by me.
I'm debtor to none, who before me
was here,
But, in absolute right, all this glory
I wear!"
Old Winter then tried all his powers
to test,
For he spit, and he blew, and he did
all the rest.
He hurled forth the blizzard—it whizzed
through the air,
And frost from his nostrils nipped all
bleak and bare!
Then, when the keen blizzard had
spent his full breath,
The Earth, cold and naked, lay stiff
as in death.
He thought now a foe his conquest to
seek!
All snow-crown'd and grim, he did
now harshly speak:—
"There is one only reason content I
can't be:
I must here reign unchalleng'd—all
others shun me!
The fame of my might would be sung
by the stars—
Its loaves would spangle the hill-tops
of Mars,
If only a rival for me I could find!
I would give him the chills, and his
body I'd bind!"

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